

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-05

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SAN JUAN REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Silverton was nationally recognized as a unique historic community in 1962 when President JF Kennedy designated the entire Town of Silverton as a "National Historic Landmark;" and

WHEREAS, even to this day, in September 2004, forty two years later, Silverton is fortunate to have still retained so much of its historic character; and

WHEREAS, currently the Town of Silverton has been experiencing a significant increase in new construction and expects a further dramatic increase in the next few years; and

WHEREAS, Silverton has become increasingly concerned about the potential loss of its historic appearance and its important historic structures; and

WHEREAS, in response to this concern, in 2003 the Silverton Board of Trustees directed the San Juan Regional Planning Commission to draft a historic preservation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, subsequently the Planning Commission and the planning staff have completed a booklet which defines Silverton's unique historic style and have provided builder's with a reference library on the topic of historic renovation; and

WHEREAS, sections CRS 24-65.1-104, CRS 29-20-104, and CRS 31-23-206 (b) of the State of Colorado revised statutes give local municipalities the authority to plan for and preserve important historic sites and buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silverton recognizes the economic and historic importance of preserving its historic structures and appearance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Silverton Board of Trustees that the San Juan Regional Planning Commission is directed to proceed with a Historic Preservation Program which may include (but is not limited to) the following:

(1.) Application for status as a "Preserve America Community." This will enable Silverton to achieve additional national recognition as a unique historic community, obtain technical assistance in the development of local heritage and economic development programs, and assure that the Town qualifies for federal grant monies for these programs.

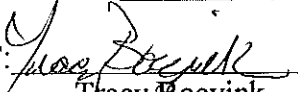
(2.) Proceed with necessary measures to ensure that Silverton qualifies as a Colorado Certified Local Government (CLG). This designation permits Silverton to

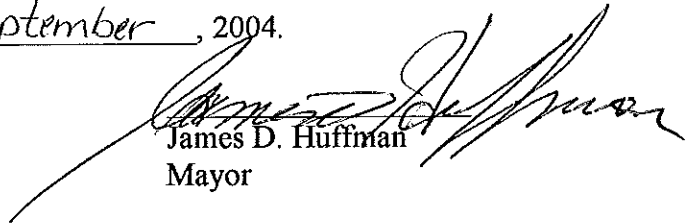
apply for state grant monies for preservation of historic Town structures. Another benefit of the CLG status is that the Town and private individuals owning local landmarks are able to obtain state historic preservation tax credits, thereby economically benefiting homeowners and the entire community.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Silverton believes the aforementioned Historic Preservation Program will benefit present and future generations of Silverton, Colorado, and the entire region.

ADOPTED THIS 13th day of September, 2004.

ATTEST:


Tracy Boeyink
Town Clerk/Treasurer


James D. Huffman
Mayor